



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 22, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“The tragic fire that took place this Sunday at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles represents a tremendous physical, historical, and emotional loss for the students, alumni and community that surrounds this iconic school.

“As our County Sheriff’s Department and County Fire Department assist with an apparent arson investigation, we offer our support beyond the immediate devastating fire repercussions.

“As you may know, Garfield students were preparing to take State exams today. My staff has been working with the Principal, Omar del Cueto, to offer up assistance to accommodate students.

“We will continue to follow the investigation, and we will offer a reward, as appropriate, to find the arsonist who destroyed decades of history and memories from the many generations of students who have attended Garfield High School.

“I therefore wish to introduce this emergency motion to offer our County resources to assist Garfield High School’s staff, students and surrounding community, as well as Los Angeles Unified School District officials.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and took the following actions:

1. Directed the Director of Public Works to head the creation of a “Red Team” to assist with expediting the review and permit process as we have done with other capital projects to ensure that the rebuilding process is as quick and seamless as possible after the tragic fire at Garfield High School on May 20, 2007;

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2. Instructed all County Departments to provide the Garfield High School staff, students and community with any supportive services needed in order to deal with this loss;
3. Instructed all County Departments to work with school officials to make other County venues available, such as the Music Center, for upcoming academic award ceremonies, historically held in the Garfield High School auditorium; and
4. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to work on the pending investigation with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and recommend a reward if necessary.

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